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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2010.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-133 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 67 and 133 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

The Election/Restriction documented in this office action is necessitated by claim amendments filed by Applicant on 03/08/2010, which includes addition of new claim 133.

Claims 67, 81, and 89 are amended. New claim 133 is added. Claims 1-133 are pending in the instant application.

As documented on pages 2-3 of the Non-Final office action mailed on 07/24/2009, Applicant elected Group XI, claims 67-77, 81-84, and 89-93, drawn to a pulse generator for generating electrical pulses comprising: a first circuit for generating a first pulse having a long duration and low voltage amplitude; a second circuit for generating a second pulse having a short duration and high voltage amplitude; and a control circuit for controlling the timing of said first circuit and said second circuit to respectively generate said first pulse and said second pulse, in the reply filed on 04/13/2009. Claims 1-66, 78-80, 85-88, and 94-132 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

It is noted that amended claim 67 and newly added claim 133 filed on 03/08/2010 recite alternative circuit configurations with regard to the pulse generated by the first circuit versus the pulse generated by the second circuit. The limitations recited in claim 67 and 133 filed on 03/08/2010 are distinct species encompassed by the genus of possible circuit configurations encompassed by claim 67 originally filed on 01/18/2006. The distinction between the species of circuit configuration recited in amended claim 67 and the species of circuit configuration recited in new claim 133 is elaborated below in this office action.

This application is 10/564,994 a 371 of PCT/US04/23078 07/19/2004 which claims benefit of provisional application 60/487,932 filed on 07/18/2003, and claims benefit of provisional application 60/499,921 filed on 09/04/2003, and claims benefit of provisional application 60/526,585 12/04/2003.

Election/Restrictions

1. This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The species are as follows: (i) a first circuit, the first circuit generating a first pulse having a duration of 700 nanoseconds up to and including 40 milliseconds and voltage amplitude of. 1 kV/cm up to and including 5 kV/cm; a second circuit, the second circuit generating a second pulse having a duration of 700 picoseconds up to and including 1.3 milliseconds and voltage amplitude of 1 kV/cm up to and including 1000 kV/cm (recited in claim 67), and (ii) a first circuit, the first circuit generating a second pulse having a duration of 700 picoseconds up to and including 1.3 milliseconds and voltage amplitude of 1 kV/cm up to and including 1000kV/cm a second circuit, the second circuit generating a first pulse having a duration of 700 nanoseconds up to and including 40 milliseconds and voltage amplitude of. 1 kV/cm up to and including 5 kV/cm (recited in new claim 133). The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: they are distinct

circuit configurations designed for distinct sequential pulses with specified durations and amplitudes generated by the first circuit and by the second circuit.

Applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The reply must also identify the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered non-responsive unless accompanied by an election.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which are readable upon the elected species. MPEP § 809.02(a).

2. Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and there would be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction were not required because the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and

specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103 (a) of the other invention.

3. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Wu-Cheng Winston Shen whose telephone number is (571) 272-3157 and Fax number is 571-273-3157. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the supervisory patent examiner, Peter Paras, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-4517. The fax number for TC 1600 is (571) 273-8300.

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/Wu-Cheng Winston Shen/

Primary Examiner

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